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SUBJ: CSCE CBM'S: EXERCISE REFORGER: NOTIFICATION  
AND INVITATION TO OBSERVERS

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1. NOTIFICATION: RUTH ADVISED US ON SEPT. 4 THAT  
THE FRG COULD CONSIDER INCLUDING INFORMATION ABOUT  
EXERCISE "STRAFFE ZUEGEL" IN BOTH THE US AND FRG  
NOTIFICATIONS. THIS REFERENCE WOULD BE PLACED IN THE  
"ADDITIONAL INFORMATION" SECTION OF THE US NOTE AS  
FOLLOWS:

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"THE THIRD US ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT AND

THE 36TH US MARINE AMPHIBIOUS UNIT WILL  
PARTICIPATE IN THE FIELD TRAINING EXERCISE  
'STRAFFE ZUEGEL' OF THE BUNDESWEHR TAKING  
PLACE DURING THE PERIOD 13 - 17 OCTOBER 1975  
IN LOWER SAXONY."

SIMILARLY, THE LAST SECTION OF THE FRG'S NOTE VERBALE  
ANNOUNCING THE "CERTAIN TREK" MANEUVER WOULD CONTAIN  
THE FOLLOWING INSERTION IN THE "ADDITIONAL INFORMATION"  
SECTION:

"THE DIVISION MANEUVER 'STRAFFE ZUEGEL' WILL  
TAKE PLACE IN LOWER SAXONY FROM 13 TO 17  
OCTOBER 1975. APPROXIMATELY 17,100 SOLDIERS  
WILL TAKE PART IN THE EXERCISE INCLUDING  
UNITS OF A PANZER GRENADIER DIVISION OF THE  
BUNDESWEHR AS WELL AS AN ARMORED CAVALRY  
REGIMENT AND A MARINE UNIT FROM THE US FORCES  
TAKING PART IN 'REFORGER 75'."

2. INVITATION TO OBSERVERS: RUTH PROPOSED THE  
FOLLOWING LANGUAGE FOR INSERTION AS THE FINAL  
PARAGRAPH IN THE ADVANCE NOTIFICATION IN ORDER TO  
ADVISE THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED THAT AN INVITATION  
FOR OBSERVERS WOULD FOLLOW:

"THE EMBASSY ALSO HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THAT  
IT IS INTENDED TO INVITE OBSERVERS TO THE  
"CERTAIN TREK" MANEUVER IN BAVARIA. DETAILS  
WILL BE CONTAINED IN THE INVITATION WHICH  
WILL BE EXTENDED IN BONN BY THE GOVERNMENT  
OF THE FRG."

3. TIMING OF ADVANCE NOTIFICATION AND INVITATION  
TO OBSERVERS: RUTH THOUGHT THE ADVANCE NOTIFICATIONS  
TO BE ISSUED BY THE FRG, US, CANADA AND FRANCE  
(SHOULD THE FRENCH CHOOSE TO DO SO) SHOULD BE

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DELIVERED ON THE SAME DAY VIA A NOTE VERBALE SENT FROM THE VARIOUS ALLIED DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS TO THE FOREIGN OFFICES IN THE RESPECTIVE WP AND NEUTRAL CSCE CAPITALS. REGARDING THE TIMING OF INVITATIONS TO OBSERVERS, RUTH THOUGHT THAT THIS TOO SHOULD BE DONE ON THE SAME DAY BY THE ALLIES, BUT SHOULD FOLLOW THE ADVANCE NOTIFICATION BY ABOUT TWO DAYS. AS FOR NOTIFYING AND INVITING NATO ALLIES TO "REFORGER 75", RUTH BELIEVES INFORMAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR DOING THIS SHOULD BE WORKED OUT IN BRUSSELS. HE ADDED THAT THE ALLIES SHOULD NOT BE LIMITED IN ATTENDANCE TO ONLY TWO OBSERVERS.

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4. FRG COORDINATION WITH THE SWISS: RUTH SAID HE PLANNED TO INFORM THE SWISS TODAY ABOUT WHAT THE ALLIANCE HAS IN MIND REGARDING OBSERVERS. HE SAID THIS MAKES SENSE IN VIEW OF THE REPORTS ORIGINATING IN BRUSSELS AND CARRIED IN GERMAN NEWSPAPERS AND ON THE RADIO (AFN CARRIED THE REPORT TOO) THAT THE ALLIES PLAN TO INVITE OBSERVERS -- INCLUDING THE SOVIET UNION -- TO "REFORGER 75".

5. INVITATION TO OBSERVERS: THE FRG WILL PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE AS THE FINAL PARAGRAPH IN THE INVITATION TO OBSERVERS BASED ESSENTIALLY ON THE US DRAFT TEXT:

"IN CASE THE INVITATION IS ACCEPTED, THE NAME AND RANK OF THE DESIGNATED OBSERVER IS REQUESTED BY (INSERT DATE). DETAILS CONCERNING THE PROGRAM AND ORGANIZATION WILL THEN BE PROVIDED TO THE PARTICIPANT."

RUTH SAID THE FRG PREFERS NOT TO SEND INFORMATION ABOUT THE OBSERVER PROGRAM TO STATES WHICH DO NOT INTEND TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION.

6. IN CLOSING THE DISCUSSION, RUTH EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT AGREEMENT ON THE OUTSTANDING POINTS COULD BE REACHED AT THE SEPT. 5 POLADS MEETING.  
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